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**General and complete disarmament: towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda**

## Letter dated 13 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a communiqué (see annex) issued today, 13 September, by the Foreign Ministers of the New Agenda Coalition Countries (Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa and Sweden) following a meeting in which the Ministers reviewed progress on their joint initiative, entitled "Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: the need for a new agenda".

I would be grateful if you would kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 73 (i).

(*Signed*) Pierre **Schori**

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## Annex to the letter dated 13 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

## Communiqué of the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the New Agenda Coalition Countries

(Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa and Sweden)

New York, 13 September 2000

Meeting to review progress on their joint initiative, entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda", the Ministers noted that their initiative had advanced the agenda for the total elimination of nuclear weapons. They stressed that this goal remains a matter of real urgency and must be delivered through an accelerated process of negotiations on all fronts.

The Ministers warmly welcomed the positive and substantial outcome of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The unequivocal political undertaking given by the five nuclear-weapon States "to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals" demonstrates a new determination to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons. Recognition that nuclear weapons cannot be allowed to exist indefinitely was a singular step forward.

This had been achieved against a background of limited progress in negotiations in the field of non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament, and a failure to grasp the opportunities of the post-cold war security environment. The programme of action agreed upon at the 2000 Review Conference must now be implemented fully and progress reported regularly through the review mechanisms of the Treaty.

The Ministers expressed concern at ongoing challenges to the non-proliferation regime. They urged the international community to redouble its efforts to achieve universal adherence to the Treaty. They repeated their call on those three States[1] which are not parties to the Treaty and which operate unsafeguarded nuclear facilities, to accede to the Treaty as non-nuclear-weapon States and to place their nuclear facilities under comprehensive International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards.

They stressed the importance of full compliance with the provisions of the Treaty.

The Ministers called for the early commencement of negotiations on nuclear arms reductions between the United States of America and the Russian Federation in the light of the outcome of the 2000 Review Conference. They looked forward to early action by the five nuclear-weapon States on the series of undertakings made by them at the Review Conference. All States must contribute to the achievement of the objectives agreed at the Review Conference.

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[1] India, Pakistan and Israel.

They called on the parties to the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to preserve its integrity and validity. They reiterated their call on them to refrain from the implementation of any measure that would undermine the Treaty's purpose. They encouraged them in this way to contribute to the creation of more favourable conditions for further negotiations on limiting strategic arms to which they committed themselves at the Review Conference.

In this context, they called on all States to refrain from decisions that could impact negatively on nuclear disarmament, lead to a new arms race or be inconsistent with the commitment to the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

The Ministers regretted that the agreement at the Review Conference for the immediate establishment of a body to deal with nuclear disarmament in the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva had not yet been acted upon.

The Ministers underlined the importance of the Review Conference agreement for the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and the negotiation of a ban on the production of fissile material. They also welcomed the agreement to begin consideration of the broader verification regime that will be required in a world without nuclear weapons.

The Ministers concluded that international peace and stability can best be maintained and enhanced with the involvement of the international community as a whole. Multilateral engagement and further progress on disarmament is crucial to this. The Ministers would continue to pursue the New Agenda initiative with determination.

They announced that they will table a draft resolution in the First Committee during the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

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**Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States**

**Maintenance of international security**

## Letter dated 13 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Joint Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States participating in the Process for Cooperation in South-Eastern Europe done in New York, on 12 September 2000 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 66 and 67.

(*Signed*) Naste Čalovski
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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## Annex to the letter dated 13 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

## Joint Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States participating in the Process for Cooperation in South-Eastern Europe

### New York, 12 September 2000

The States participating in the Process for Cooperation in South-Eastern Europe met in New York on 12 September 2000, at the margins of the United Nations Miliennium Assembly. The meeting was also attended by Foreign Ministers Tonino Picula and Jadranko Prlic. Foreign Minister Branko Lukovac and the Deputy Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact, Donald Kursch, were also present.

At the meeting, States participating in the Process continued their dialogue on the promotion and deepening of regional cooperation and discussed the importance of the implementation of the Stability Pact, particularly the current political and security situation in the region.

Following the meeting, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the participating States, the Chairman of the Process, Aleksandar Dimitrov, Paskal Milo, Ismail Cem, George Papandreou, Nadezda Mihailova and Petre Roman, adopted this joint declaration.

The Ministers agreed that the activities of the Process for Cooperation in South-Eastern Europe are in accordance with the commitments contained in the Millennium Declaration for intensifying cooperation between the United Nations and regional agencies, institutions and organizations with the aim of strengthening international peace and security.

The Ministers reaffirmed their strong commitment to the Stability Pact and call upon the international community to accelerate the process of implementation of the Stability Pact projects, thus enabling economic prosperity of the countries of South-Eastern Europe, strengthening the democratic processes and security, as well as the observance of human rights. They stressed the urgency for full and timely implementation of the Stability Pact that would contribute to the realization of the main aim, full integration of the region in the European and Euro-Atlantic structures.

Reaffirming their commitment that the elections in the region should be fair and democratic, the Ministers expressed hope that they will contribute to further democratization and stability in the region.

The Foreign Ministers expressed their concern about the latest development of the situation in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in regard to the upcoming presidential and parliamentary elections, confirming their support for the democratic forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, for the independent media and for the civic society and their efforts to start democratic processes and economic prosperity. In view of the situation in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia following the recent unilateral constitutional changes, the Ministers took note of the position of Montenegro in boycotting the elections. They call for free and fair elections to be

organized in accordance with European and OSCE standards, with the full involvement of representatives of civil society as a first crucial step towards the democratization of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Furthermore, they expressed their countries' solidarity with the citizens of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, with the responsible democratic political forces in that country, in their effort to bring about fundamental democratic changes in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Ministers expressed their support for the stability and reform processes in Montenegro and to its democratically elected Government to continue with the economic and democratic development as well as for its larger involvement in the work of the international bodies and organizations, increased participation in the framework of the Stability Pact projects and in other regional cooperation processes.

Exchanging views on the current situation in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Ministers reiterated their position on the importance of fully and consequently observing and implementing Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). Welcoming the efforts of the international community for the establishment of lasting peace, stability and democratic development, they stressed the importance of the inviolability of international borders, respect of human rights and the rights of all citizens living in Kosovo. In that regard, they reiterated the importance of holding fair and democratic elections in Kosovo with the aim of building a multi-ethnic society and democratic institutions that would further stabilize the overall situation.

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## Letter dated 19 September 2000 from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to the Chairman of the First Committee

I am writing with reference to the memorandum dated 31 August 2000 from the Secretary of the Fifth Committee to the Secretary of your Committee drawing attention to the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination regarding the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. A copy of that memorandum is attached for ease of reference.

In this connection, it is my sincere hope that your Committee will be able to consider the relevant chapters of the medium-term plan in time to allow the Fifth Committee to take into account the views of Member States on this matter.

I should like to take this opportunity to wish you every success during the session.

(*Signed*) Gert **Rosenthal**
Chairman, Fifth Committee

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## Annex

### Memorandum dated 31 August 2000 from the Secretary of the Fifth Committee to the Secretary of the First Committee

I am writing to bring to your attention the following recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination during its thirty-ninth session, which were endorsed by the General Assembly in paragraph 2 of its resolution 54/236 of 23 December 1999, entitled "Programme planning".

> "The Committee recommended that the specialized intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly, should include, in their programme of work, an agenda item on programme planning for the review of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions. The Committee also recommended that the Fifth Committee receive all relevant comments prior to its consideration of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions" (A/54/16, part I, para. 55).

At its recently held fortieth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reiterated that recommendation, as follows:

> "The Committee reiterated its recommendations that the relevant intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly, should include in their programme of work an agenda item on programme planning for the review of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions" (A/55/16, part II, para. 88).

The reports of the Committee for Programme and Coordination are contained in documents A/55/16 (part I) and Corr.1 and 2 and A/55/16 (part II). The proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 is contained in document A/55/6 (Programmes 1-25). A list of the programmes is attached hereto for your convenience.

In this connection, I should be grateful if you could convey this matter to the members of the Bureau of your Committee, with a view to transmitting to the Fifth Committee by **25 October 2000** the results of the deliberations of your Committee on the review of the relevant programmes of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

For your information, the Fifth Committee is expected to begin its consideration of the item on programme planning on Tuesday, 31 October.

## Proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6, introduction and programmes 1-25)


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| Programme 8. | Africa: New Agenda for Development |
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| Programme 10. | Environment |
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**Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa**

## Letter dated 4 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith the report of the fourteenth ministerial meeting of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa, held in Bujumbura on 17 and 18 August 2000 (see annex).

The meeting made important recommendations and drew up a programme of work for the Committee for 2000-2001 which will require the support of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have the report circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 74 (a).

(*Signed*) Marc **Nteturuye**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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**Annex to the letter dated 4 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa**

**Report of the fourteenth ministerial meeting of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (Bujumbura, 17 and 18 August 2000)**

## Introduction

The fourteenth ministerial meeting of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa was held in Bujumbura on 17 and 18 August 2000.

The following States members took part in the meeting: Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Republic of the Congo. Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and Sao Tome and Principe did not attend.

Representatives of the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity also participated in the work.

The opening ceremony featured:

A message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, read out by Mr. Jean Arnault, his Special Representative in Burundi;

A statement by the Representative of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, Mr. Sylvain Ngung Etul Mpwotsh;

The opening address by H.E. Mr. Frederic Bamvuginyumvira, First Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi.

## Adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report of the outgoing Bureau
3. Evaluation of the implementation of previous decisions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee
   (a) Establishment of the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa (COPAX);
   (b) Organization of joint military exercises in connection with peacekeeping operations between the armed forces of the countries of Central Africa;
   (c) Establishment of a subregional parliament in Central Africa;
   (d) Establishment of a subregional centre for human rights and democracy.
4. Review of the geopolitical and security situation in Central Africa
5. Intergovernmental cooperation in security matters in Central Africa
6. Implementation of the recommendations of the Subregional Conference on the Proliferation of and Illicit Traffic in Small Arms in Central Africa
7. Report of the Subregional Conference on the Question of Refugees and Displaced Persons in Central Africa
8. Draft resolution on the activities of the Standing Advisory Committee
9. Date and place of the next meeting
10. Work programme of the Committee for 2000-2001
11. Other matters
12. Adoption of the report of the fourteenth ministerial meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee

## Conduct of work

### I. Election of officers

The Committee elected a new Bureau, as follows:

*President*:
Burundi

*First Vice-President*:
Democratic Republic of the Congo

*Second Vice-President*:
Central African Republic

*Rapporteur*:
Equatorial Guinea

### II. Report of the outgoing Bureau

The Committee took note of the report presented by H.E. Mr. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Chad, in his capacity as outgoing Chairman of the Bureau at the ministerial level.

The Committee welcomed the efforts made by the outgoing Bureau to discharge the mandates entrusted to it by the twelfth and thirteenth ministerial meetings, particularly the assistance provided by the Committee to ECCAS in organizing a meeting of experts in Malabo in order to draw up a draft protocol on the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa (COPAX); the organization in Bujumbura of the Subregional Conference on Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in Central Africa; the awareness-raising among the countries of the subregion with regard to the need for signing and/or ratifying the Non-Aggression Pact; the organization of the thirteenth and fourteenth ministerial meetings, the steps taken for the effective launching of COPAX; and the establishment of a subregional centre for human rights and democracy.

### III. Evaluation of the implementation of the previous decisions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee

#### (a) Establishment of the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa (COPAX)

The Committee welcomed the information provided by the Gabonese delegation on progress in the setting up of an early warning mechanism, and in particular on the refurbishing of the building made available to the mechanism by the Gabonese Government.

The Committee was also informed of the contacts currently under way between ECCAS and the Gabonese Government with a view to the early opening of the building that will house the headquarters of the early warning mechanism.

The Committee welcomed the progress achieved in the elaboration of terms of reference for the early warning mechanism, the Central African Multinational Force and the Defence Commission for the Central African Countries and encouraged the member countries to make every effort to ensure their prompt adoption.

The Committee welcomed the ratification by several member countries of the legal instruments governing COPAX and the Mutual Assistance Pact and called on countries that have not yet done so to take the necessary steps to ratify these instruments.

#### (b) Organization of military exercises in connection with peacekeeping operations between the armed forces of the countries of Central Africa

The Committee reiterated its interest in organizing joint military exercises.

It repeated its recommendation that a meeting of the chiefs of staff of the Central African countries should be convened in order to review the Biyongho-98 exercise, revise its costs downwards and determine the division of contributions among the different countries.

The Committee noted with satisfaction that Gabon, the country which is to accommodate the exercise, was prepared to host this meeting.

A mandate was given to the Bureau to take all the necessary steps for the organization of the meeting.

**(c) Establishment of a subregional parliament in Central Africa**

The Committee was informed of the continuing contacts between ECCAS and the Government of Equatorial Guinea on the subject of the project to establish a subregional parliament in Central Africa.

It welcomed the establishment of a network of parliamentarians from the Central African countries in Malabo on 24 June 2000.

A mandate was given to the Bureau to continue to follow developments and to report on them at the next meeting.

**(d) Establishment of a subregional centre for human rights and democracy**

The Committee congratulated the Cameroon Government on the steps that it had taken to start up the activities of the centre and noted with satisfaction the positive developments on this project, including:

- The wish expressed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights that the centre should commence its activities in September 2000;
- The visit to Cameroon by two delegations from the Office to finalize the project with the local authorities and to that end to prepare a draft headquarters agreement and a memorandum of understanding between the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the State of Cameroon and the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Cameroon;
- The information that the Secretary-General of the United Nations intended shortly to appoint a regional adviser to make arrangements for the operation of the centre;
- The offer by the Cameroon authorities of temporary premises at the Cameroon Institute of International Relations (IRIC).

In the interests of speeding up arrangements for the full operation of the centre, the Committee recommended that a meeting of experts from member countries should be organized in Yaoundé, with the task of finalizing the documents governing the organization and functioning of the centre.

A mandate has been given to the Bureau to take all the necessary steps to organize the meeting, in cooperation with the secretariat.

## IV. Review of the geopolitical and security situation in Central Africa

**Burundi**

The Committee welcomed the positive developments in the situation in Burundi and in particular the progress achieved in the Arusha peace talks, including the preparation by the mediator of a draft agreement on peace and reconciliation which gives grounds for real hope.

It expressed its support for the efforts of the Government of Burundi and all Burundians engaged in the search for a lasting peace for the country.

The Committee commended the mediator's efforts to date to bring peace to Burundi and encouraged him to work on the establishment of a framework for a speedy outcome to the peace talks.

It urgently appealed to the armed rebels to agree to take part in the current talks and called on all the Burundian parties to work for national reconciliation and renewed peace in Burundi.

The Committee called for the immediate proclamation of a ceasefire in order to put an end to the heavy loss of human life.

It urged the countries of the region, particularly those of the Great Lakes region, to help the people of Burundi to regain peace through dialogue and reconciliation and not to engage in violence and war.

The Committee appealed to the international community for substantial support for the peace efforts in Burundi by such measures as renewing their cooperation with the country.

**Cameroon**

The Committee welcomed the growing climate of peace and stability in Cameroon.

It expressed concern at the ongoing cross-border phenomenon of roadblocks, the illicit traffic in light weapons, small arms and weapons of war and the upsurge in organized crime.

It welcomed the determination of the Government of Cameroon to combat insecurity, the commendable efforts it had made in that regard and the notable success already achieved.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the creation in the country of operational structures to combat corruption and insecurity.

It welcomed the continuation of the policy of dialogue pursued by the Government of Cameroon by implementing a consensual democracy which would favour the country's harmonious development.

The Committee again expressed deep concern at the information provided by the delegation of Cameroon on the persistent attempts at infiltration and repeated acts of provocation by Nigerian forces on the Bakassi peninsula and called on the two parties to refrain from any action that could heighten tensions while awaiting the decision of the International Court of Justice, which Cameroon had seized of the matter.

The Committee, while reiterating its appeal to the international community and friendly countries to assist in maintaining the peace between Cameroon and Nigeria while awaiting the verdict of the International Court of Justice, requested the Court to take the necessary steps to ensure a rapid conclusion of the proceeding pending before it.

The Committee again urged Nigeria to comply strictly with the interim measures of protection laid down by the Court in its ruling of 15 March 1996 and called upon the two parties to refrain from taking any action that could create difficulties for the application of the final judgement of the Court.

**Republic of the Congo**

The Committee welcomed the effective cessation of hostilities throughout the territory of the Republic of the Congo.

It welcomed the results obtained by the Monitoring Committee in the implementation of the various clauses of the ceasefire and cessation of hostilities agreements, including those relating to:

- The resettlement of persons displaced both within and outside the country;
- The collection of weapons and ammunition of war; and
- The integration and rehabilitation of former members of the militia.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the easing of tension in the social and political climate in the Congo, the return to normal traffic conditions and other activities throughout the territory, the normalization of life in both city and country, the reopening of the Congo-Ocean railway and the adoption of the temporary post-conflict programme.

It encouraged the Congolese authorities and the mediator to organize a national dialogue, without exclusions, which would act as a culmination of the efforts undertaken to date and would encourage the renewal of the democratization process.

The Committee appealed to the international community to give its backing to the consolidation of peace in the Congo by increasing its support for the collection of weapons, the integration of demobilized young members of the militia and the implementation of the temporary post-conflict programme.

**Gabon**

The Committee was pleased at the climate of peace and political stability in Gabon, characterized by the free exercise of activities by political parties.

The Committee welcomed the measures taken by Gabon to strengthen national legislation for the protection of refugees with the establishment of:

- A National Refugee Commission;
- An Eligibility Subcommission; and
- An Appeals Office.

It was pleased at the strengthening of the cooperation between Gabon and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) by means of the signature of a letter of understanding authorizing a non-governmental organization to support the Office's activities in its current campaign in south-east Gabon.

**Equatorial Guinea**

The Committee welcomed the climate of peace and stability prevailing in Equatorial Guinea.

It noted with satisfaction the progress in the democratization process in Equatorial Guinea and the recent transparent municipal elections, characterized by

the participation of all the political parties and a high turnout.

The Committee commended the Government for its efforts to promote a culture of democracy in the country and welcomed the financial assistance granted to political parties for the elections.

It welcomed the policy of friendly cooperation pursued by Equatorial Guinea with its neighbours.

**Central African Republic**

The Committee welcomed the restoration of peace in the Central African Republic and the efforts made by the Government to consolidate the peace with the assistance of the United Nations Peace-Building Support Office in the Central African Republic (BONUCA).

It welcomed the establishment of participatory democracy in the Central African Republic, characterized by the presence in the Government of representatives of various political groups.

The Committee expressed its concern at the continuing acts of banditry carried out in the hinterland by means of roadblocks and noted with satisfaction the efforts made by the Central African Government to combat insecurity.

**Chad**

The Committee welcomed the continuing process of consolidation of peace and democracy in Chad, particularly the steps taken to prepare for the forthcoming elections through the promulgation of the act establishing the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI).

It encouraged the Chadian authorities to continue the policy of dialogue and reaching out to the opposition in order to arrive at national reconciliation among all Chadians.

It appealed to all parties in Chad to respond positively to this desire for dialogue and to give priority to conciliation in order to preserve the higher interests of the Chadian people.

The Committee took note with satisfaction of the positive outcome of the approaches made concerning the Chadian pipeline project and the approval of this project by the international financial institutions.

It also welcomed the opening of a UNHCR local office in N'Djamena.

## V. Intergovernmental cooperation in security matters in Central Africa

The Committee took note with satisfaction of the actions and initiatives taken by the States members within the framework of cooperation in security matters, aimed at lessening tensions, combating insecurity in the border areas and making it possible to have exchanges between the various national structures dealing with these questions.

In view of the cross-border nature of most of the security problems in the subregion and the need to respond to them in a joint and concerted manner, the Committee again strongly recommended greater cooperation and dialogue among the security forces of the Central African countries, particularly within the framework of periodic meetings and the organization of joint operations.

The Committee particularly welcomed:

- The participation of Gabonese officers in the activities of the Monitoring Committee for the return of peace to the Congo;
- The tripartite security cooperation among the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Angola;
- Cooperation between the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic with regard to refugee flows and the safety of navigation on the Congo and Ubangi rivers.

The Committee expressed its concern at the administrative harassment to which nationals of the subregion are subjected in some member States. It recommended the intensification of high-level meetings between authorities of the member States, as well as regular meetings between border authorities, in order to prevent possible tensions arising from this situation and to consider ways and means of putting an end to them.

The Committee expressed its deep concern with regard to the upsurge in organized crime and insecurity in the countries of the subregion, particularly the development of the phenomenon of roadblocks. It

recommended the intensification of information exchange and the organization of large-scale joint operations to combat this scourge. It recommended that a high-level meeting should be held on the question, aimed at setting up a suitable legal framework for cooperation in the matter.

It stressed the need for closer cooperation among the security services of various countries with a view to combating the cross-border trade in stolen vehicles and, in this context, welcomed the creation in Chad of a unit to combat vehicle theft.

The Committee also recommended the creation of a fund to combat crime. The Bureau was mandated to study and propose ways and means of allocating sufficient resources to the fund.

Recalling the importance to the subregion's peace and security of the Mutual Assistance Pact concluded at Malabo in February 2000 among the countries of Central Africa, the Committee recommended that the Bureau should draw the attention of those countries which had not already done so to the need to sign and/or ratify the Pact by the end of 2000.

Aware of the need to strengthen cooperation for peace and security in the subregion, the Committee appealed to those countries that had not yet ratified the agreement on criminal police cooperation, signed in April 1999 at the meeting of the Committee of Central African Police Chiefs in Yaoundé (CCPAC), to take all necessary steps to proceed to the rapid ratification of this text and guarantee its full effectiveness.

The Committee also welcomed with satisfaction the decisions adopted at the third meeting of CCPAC, held in Yaoundé from 12 to 19 June 2000, particularly:

- The setting up in each country of a committee to monitor the activities of CCPAC;
- The creation of a framework for dialogue and cooperation among Central African directors of the *police judiciaire*;
- The holding in November 2000 of national consultations among crime control agencies;
- The harmonization of legislation in the countries of the subregion with a view to combating organized crime.

## VI. Implementation of the recommendations of the Subregional Conference on the Proliferation of and Illicit Traffic in Small Arms in Central Africa

After reviewing the recommendations formulated by the Subregional Conference on the Proliferation of and Illicit Traffic in Small Arms in Central Africa, held in N'Djamena from 25 to 27 October 1999, the Committee welcomed the efforts of the countries of the subregion to implement them.

The Committee recommended that member countries should intensify measures to implement the recommendations of the Conference and, more generally, should spare no effort in the campaign against the proliferation of and illicit traffic in small arms, taking into account the dangers of this scourge for peace, security, stability and development in the subregion.

It welcomed the initiative taken by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa and the Government of Canada for the development of a subregional programme to combat the proliferation of and illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons, initially covering three member countries: Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Chad.

It recommended that member countries should participate in the ministerial meeting to be held in Bamako in October 2000, in order to arrive at an African position in advance of the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, to be convened in 2001.

## VII. Report of the Subregional Conference on the Question of Refugees and Displaced Persons in Central Africa

The Committee took note of the report and recommendations of the Subregional Conference on the Question of Refugees and Displaced Persons in Central Africa, held in Bujumbura from 14 to 16 August 2000, and commended the participants on the pertinence and quality of the results of their deliberations.

The Committee entrusted the Chairman of the Bureau with transmitting the conclusions of this Conference to member States and to the secretaries-general of ECCAS, OAU and the United Nations, with a view to gaining support for their implementation.

## VIII. Draft resolution on the activities of the Standing Advisory Committee

The Committee considered and adopted the draft resolution on its activities to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.

It recommended that all member countries should contact their permanent missions to the United Nations in New York so as to ensure their consistent support for the adoption of this draft resolution.

## IX. Date and place of the next meeting

The Committee decided to hold its fifteenth ministerial meeting during the second half of March 2001 in Bujumbura.

## X. Work programme of the Committee for 2000-2001

- High-level seminar on the organization and functioning of an early warning mechanism (Yaoundé, January 2001);
- Fifteenth ministerial meeting of the Committee (Bujumbura, second half of March 2001);
- Meeting of experts on the modalities and terms of reference for the subregional centre for human rights and democracy (Yaoundé, date to be determined);
- Meeting of the chiefs of staff in order to review the Biyongho-98 military exercise (Libreville, date to be determined);
- Organization of a subregional conference on the protection of women and children in armed conflicts (place and date to be determined);
- Sixteenth ministerial meeting of the Committee (place and date to be determined).

## XI. Other matters

The Committee urged member States to make regular contributions to the trust fund intended to finance its activities.

Lastly, the participants welcomed the favourable climate that had prevailed throughout their deliberations and expressed their appreciation to the President of the Republic of Burundi, H.E. Mr. Pierre Buyoya, and to the Burundian Government and people for the warm welcome and fraternal attentions paid to them during their stay in Burundi.

Bujumbura, 18 August 2000

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**General and complete disarmament**

## Letter dated 13 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement made on 12 October 2000 by the official representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation relating to document CD/1625, which has been circulated by the United States at the Conference on Disarmament (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 73.

(*Signed*) Sergei **Lavrov**

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## Annex to the letter dated 13 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General

## Statement made on 12 October 2000 by the official representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

The United States delegation to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva has circulated document CD/1625 which asserts, inter alia, that the Moscow joint statement of principles on strategic stability made on 4 June 2000 by the Presidents of the Russian Federation and the United States of America contains a provision on the need to address the threat of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, missiles and missile technologies, "including through consideration of changes to the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty".

We consider it necessary to draw attention to the fact that the joint statement contains no such provision, nor does any other document adopted jointly by the Presidents of the Russian Federation and the United States of America. The United States is fully aware that the Russian Federation has not held, is not holding nor does it intend to hold any negotiations with it concerning the amendment of the ABM Treaty with a view to adapting it to the United States national missile defence system. Moreover, such an adaptation is impossible, since the prohibition of the deployment of anti-missile systems in the national territory and of the establishment of a basis for such a defence is the central provision of the ABM Treaty. Any amendment of that provision would divest the Treaty of its very purpose.

In our dialogue with the United States about strategic offensive weapons and missile defences, we have repeatedly pointed out and are still going to great lengths to demonstrate how detrimental the demise of the ABM Treaty would be for disarmament and strategic stability. The distortion of the documents adopted by the Presidents of the two countries, which we would hope is unintentional, serves no constructive purpose. We call upon the United States to focus on working constructively with us to ensure international security and strategic stability by maintaining and strengthening the ABM Treaty, as stipulated in the joint statement of the Presidents of the Russian Federation and the United States.

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**Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty**

# Letter dated 17 October 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the joint statement on the Strategic Stability Cooperation Initiative, signed by Mr. W. J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, and Mr. V. V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on 6 September 2000, in New York (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 73, 80 and 81.

(*Signed*) Richard **Holbrooke**
Permanent Representative of the
United States of America to the
United Nations

(*Signed*) Sergey **Lavrov**
Permanent Representative of the
Russian Federation to the
United Nations

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**Annex to the letter dated 17 October 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Joint statement**

**Strategic Stability Cooperation Initiative**

President Vladimir Putin of the Russian Federation and President William Jefferson Clinton of the United States of America met today in New York and agreed on a Strategic Stability Cooperation Initiative as a constructive basis for strengthening trust between the two sides and for further development of agreed measures to enhance strategic stability and counter the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, missiles and missile technologies worldwide. In furtherance of this initiative, the two Presidents approved an implementation plan developed by their experts as a basis for continuing this work.

The Strategic Stability Cooperation Initiative builds on the Presidents' agreement in their two previous meetings. The Joint Statement on Principles of Strategic Stability, adopted in Moscow on June 4, 2000, and the Joint Statement on Cooperation on Strategic Stability, adopted in Okinawa on July 21, 2000, establish a constructive basis for progress in further reducing nuclear weapons arsenals, preserving and strengthening the ABM Treaty, and confronting new challenges to international security. Russia and the United States reaffirm their commitment to the ABM Treaty as a cornerstone of strategic stability. Russia and the United States intend to implement the provisions of the START I and INF Treaties, to seek early entry into force of the START II Treaty and its related Protocol, the 1997 New York agreements on ABM issues and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and to work towards the early realization of the

1997 Helsinki Joint Statement on Parameters on Future Reductions in Nuclear Forces. Russia and the United States also intend to seek new forms of cooperation in the area of non-proliferation of missiles and missile technologies with a view to strengthening international security and maintaining strategic stability within the framework of the Strategic Stability Cooperation Initiative between our two countries.

The Strategic Stability Cooperation Initiative could include, along with expansion of existing programs, new initiatives aimed at strengthening the security of our two countries and of the entire world community and without prejudice to the security of any state.

*START III Treaty and ABM Treaty.* Russia and the United States have presented their approaches to the principal provisions of the START III Treaty and on ABM issues. Russia and the United States have held intensified discussions on further reductions in strategic offensive forces within the framework of a future START III Treaty and on ABM issues, with a view to initiating negotiations expeditiously, in accordance with the Moscow Joint Statement of September 2, 1998, Cologne Joint Statement of June 20, 1999 and Okinawa Joint Statement of July 21, 2000 by the two Presidents. They will seek to agree upon additional measures to strengthen strategic stability and confidence, and to ensure predictability in the military field.

*NPT, CTBT, FMCT, BWC and Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones.* Russia and the United States reaffirm their commitment to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as the foundation of the international nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament regime.

Russia and the United States will seek to ensure early entry into force and effective implementation of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test

Ban Treaty. They will continue to work to begin negotiations to conclude a Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty and to strengthen the Biological Weapons Convention. They will continue to facilitate the establishment of nuclear weapon-free zones in the world, based on voluntary agreements among states in the relevant region, consistent with the relevant 1999 Report of the United Nations Disarmament Commission, as an important avenue for efforts to prevent nuclear weapons proliferation.

*Discussions of issues related to the threat of proliferation of missiles and missile technology.* Russia and the United States are prepared to expand their discussions of issues related to the threat of proliferation of missiles and missile technologies. These discussions will include annual briefings based on assessments of factors and events related to ballistic and cruise missile proliferation. Annual assessments will address potential threats to international security. With a view to preventing the proliferation of missiles and weapons of mass destruction, political and diplomatic measures will be discussed and undertaken, using bilateral and multilateral mechanisms.

*Cooperation in the area of Theater Missile Defense.* Russia and the United States are prepared to resume and then expand cooperation in the area of Theater Missile Defense (TMD), and also to consider the possibility of involving other states, with a view to strengthening global and regional stability.

The sides will consider as specific areas of such cooperation:

- Expansion of the bilateral program of joint TMD command and staff exercises.

- Possibility of involving other states in joint TMD command and staff exercises.

- Possibility of development of methods for enhanced interaction for joint use of TMD systems.

- Joint development of concepts for possible cooperation in TMD systems.

- Possibility of reciprocal invitation of observers to actual firings of TMD systems.

*Early warning information.* Russia and the United States, in implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Russian Federation and the United States of America on the Establishment of a Joint Center for the Exchange of Data from Early Warning Systems and Notification of Missile Launches signed in Moscow on June 4, 2000, intend to establish and put into operation in Moscow within a year the joint center for exchange of data to preclude the possibility of missile launches caused by a false missile attack warning. The Parties will also make efforts to come to an early agreement on a regime for exchanging notifications of missile launches, consistent with the statement of the Presidents at Okinawa on July 21, 2000.

*Missile Non-Proliferation measures.* Russia and the United States intend to strengthen the Missile Technology Control Regime. They declare their commitment to seek new avenues of cooperation with a view to limiting proliferation of missiles and missile technologies. Consistent with the July 21, 2000, Joint Statement of the Presidents at Okinawa, they will work together with other states on a new mechanism to integrate, inter alia, the Russian proposal for a Global Control System for Non-Proliferation of

Missiles and Missile Technologies (GCS), the U.S. proposal for a missile code of conduct, as well as the MTCR.

*Confidence and transparency-building measures.* Bearing in mind their obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Russia and the United States will seek to expand cooperation related to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) to promote a mutually beneficial technical exchange that will facilitate the implementation of the CTBT after its entry into force. Russia and the United States are prepared to discuss confidence and transparency-building measures as an element of facilitating compliance with, preserving and strengthening the ABM Treaty. These measures could include: data exchanges, pre-notifications of planned events, voluntary demonstrations, participation in observations, organization of exhibitions, and strengthening the ABM Treaty compliance verification process.

The Presidents of Russia and the United States have agreed that officials from the relevant ministries and agencies will meet annually to coordinate their activities in this area, and look forward with interest to such a meeting in the near future.

Russia and the United States call upon all nations of the world to unite their efforts to strengthen strategic stability.

The President of the
Russian Federation

The President of the
United States of America

William J. Clinton

New York City, 6 September 2000

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## Letter dated 23 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the First Committee

In my capacity as Chairman of the Coordination Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, I wish to inform you that the Coordinating Bureau, at its meeting on 6 October 2000, endorsed the candidature of Ambassador Camilo Reyes of Colombia as the Movement's candidate for the chairmanship of the 2001 United Nations Conference on Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

It would be appreciated if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the First Committee.

(*Signed*) Dumisani S. **Kumalo**

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Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States

## Letter dated 19 October 2000 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 19 October 2000 addressed to me by the Secretary-General in which he explains why he is not in a position to issue the report on the development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/48 (see annex).

*(Signed)* Harri **Holkeri**

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# Annex

## Letter dated 19 October 2000 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

The General Assembly at its fifty-second session adopted resolution 52/48 entitled "Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States". In paragraph 10 of resolution 52/48, the Assembly requested me "to continue to seek the views of Member States, particularly those from the Balkan region, and of the relevant international organizations and competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, on the development of good-neighbourly relations in the region and on measures aimed at the creation of peace, stability, security, cooperation and sustained economic development in the Balkan region, and to submit a report to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, taking into account, inter alia, the views expressed by Member States on the subject".

Pursuant to the request contained in General Assembly resolution 52/48, I invited Member States to submit their views by 15 October 2000. As I have received no replies to date, I am not in a position to issue the report entitled "Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States", as requested in the above-mentioned resolution.

*(Signed)* Kofi A. **Annan**